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1. RUMORS ARE STILL HEARD THAT A LOYA JIRGAH WILL BE CALLED SOON TO APPROVE NEW AFGHAN CONSTITUTION, BUT PROSPECT CONTINUES TO RECEDED. ACCORDING TO ONE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCE, DAOUD HAS DECIDED NOT TO ASSEMBLE A LOYA JIRGAH UNTIL HIS NEW PUSHTUNISTAN PACKAGE --- WHICH INCLUDES RAPPROCHEMENT WITH PAKISTAN --- HAS BEEN WELL WRAPPED AND TIED.

2. WE HAVE IT FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT RECRUITMENT IS PROCEEDING FOR A SINGLE GOVERNMENT PARTY WHICH WILL BE ORGANIZED TO BACK A NEW CONSTITUTION AND POLITICAL SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH THE NAME "HEZB-E-ENQELAB-E-MELLI" (PARTY OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTION) HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AS A LIKELY NAME, WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT AS MANY AS THREE OTHER NAMES ARE BEING FLOATED AS POSSIBILITIES. GOVERNMENT PARTY RECRUITING EFFORTS ARE SAID TO BE ESPECIALLY ACTIVE AT KABUL UNIVERSITY, BUT ACADEMICS THERE ARE SAID TO BE CAGEY ABOUT
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